

Appl. No. 10/049,256
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 14-25 are pending in this application and stand rejected. Claims 1-13 were previously canceled by preliminary amendment. Claim 16 has been canceled without prejudice by the current amendment. Claims 14 and 25 have been amended.

In the Office action mailed October 9, 2003, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 14-25. Claims 14-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 14-19 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucas et al. in view of British Patent Publication No. 2138478. Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucas in view of British Patent Publication No. 2138478. In addition, the Examiner objected to informalities in the abstract of the specification.

Applicant has filed a notice of appeal in this case, but has not yet filed an appeal brief. Applicant has amended claim 14 to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal and to comply with the Examiner's requirement of form set forth in the Office action. Claim 14 has been amended to more clearly recite the subject matter being claimed. "Flexible mean" has been amended to "flexible sections." In addition, claim 1 has been amended to ensure that each time a "member" is referred to it is explicit which one is meant.

Applicant has amended claim 25 to comply with the Examiner's requirement of form.

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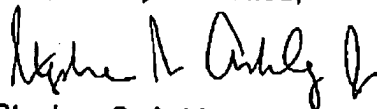
Specifically, claim 25 has been amended to overcome the objection based on lack of antecedent basis for the door frame.

Claim 16 has been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of claim 16 in a continuation and/or divisional application.

The abstract of the specification has been amended to correct the informalities cited in the Office action.

All of the above amendments have been made for the purpose of cancelling claims, complying with a requirement of form set forth in a previous Office action, and/or to present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. In addition, the above amendments have been filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter Applicant's amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(a) and § 1.116. If there are any fees associated with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 01-0265.

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